lic sector undertakings in the Telecommunications and Power Sectors in the last financial year in the Budget Speech this year, the Finance Minister had announced that Government will introduce another series of public sector bonds with a tax free return.

2. In pursuance of this, it has been decided to allow Government, corporate bodies, as may be permitted by the Government, to issue bonds for setting up of new projects, expansion or diversification of existing projects, capital expenditure for modernisation or for augmenting the resources of the company for working capital requirements, subject to Government's clearance. This series will be in addition to the earlier series of Power and Telecom Bonds.

3. In the new series the interest rate shall be upto a maximum of 10 per cent. The period of redemption will normally be upto 10 years, which could be increased in suitable cases. However, the interest rate and period of redemption shall be approved by the Government on a case-by-case basis. The income from these bonds shall be completely free from income tax. The Bonds will be exempt from Wealth Tax without any limit. They will be transferable by endorsement and delivery. Decision on quantum etc. will be taken by the Ministry of Finance on a case-by-case basis.

NEW DELHI; the 15th July, 1986.

**Redressal of Grievances of Beedi workers**

1367. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has evolved any system for the redressal of bedi workers' grievances, problems and complaints;

(b) if so, what are the details therof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the indifferent attitude of Labour Inspectors towards the problems of beedi workers in Allahabad region especially in Gursahai Ganj, Farrukhabad; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure effective tackling of beedi workers' problems by the Labour Inspectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The grievances, problems and complaints arising out of implementation of the welfare measures organised under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund are reviewed by tripartite Committees. The Central Advisory Committee and the State Advisory Committee have *inter alia*, an equal number of representatives from employers and employees. The Central Advisory Committee is Chaired by the Union Labour Minister and the State Advisory Committees by State Labour Ministers.

The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditons of Employment) Act, 1966 was enacted to regulate the conditons of work etc. of beedi workers. The implementation of the Act rests with State Governments. However, the implementation of the Act is reviewed by a Cenral Tripartite Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Labour Minister.

(c) and (d) No specific complaints of this nature have come to Government's notice. Labour inspectors responsible for the enforcement of the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditons of Employment) Act, 1966 are under the State Governments.

**News-item captioned "Advance Licensing scheme abuse unabated"**

1368. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item catpioned "Advance Licensing Scheme abuse unabated" which appeared in the Delhi edition of the 'Financial Expres' of the 5th May, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is being taken by Government thereon?